

TRANSMITTAL LETTER			Case No. 659-920 K-C Ref. No. 17,595
Serial No. 10/032,701	Filing Date December 28, 2001	Examiner Unassigned	Group Art Unit 2185
Inventor(s) Richlen et al.			
Title of Invention Absorbent Garment Having A Weakened Region			

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

Transmitted herewith: Check for \$1398.00 for filing fee, surcharge and fee for 22 additional claims; Response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted with a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application (in duplicate); Preliminary Amendment; Declaration; Power of Attorney; Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate); Form PTO 1449; copies of 50 cited references; and return receipt postcard.

- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Petition for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension of time.
- ☐ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

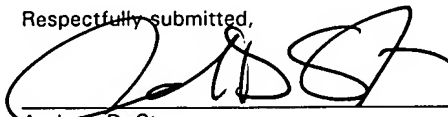
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Small Entity	
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x 42 =	
+ \$140 =	
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 (BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ A check in the amount of \$1398.00 to cover the filing fee, surcharge and fee for 22 additional claims is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- ☒ I hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for any extension of time required to ensure that this paper is timely filed. Please charge any associated fees which have not otherwise been paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Richlen et al.

Serial No.: 10/032,701

Filed: December 28, 2001

For: ABSORBENT  
GARMENT HAVING A  
WEAKENED REGION

Attention: Manager,  
Application Branch

**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Attn.: Box Missing Parts

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Filing Date Granted dated January 25, 2002, a copy of which is attached, enclosed herewith for filing are the following documents:

- ☒ Fully executed Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney for the above-referenced patent application.

- ☒ Applicant is:
- ☐ a small entity, verified statement is:
- ☐ attached
- ☐ already filed
- ☒ other than small entity
- ☒ Checks totaling \$1398.00 for:
- ☒ Filing Fee of \$740.00.
- ☒ Surcharge of \$130.00.
- ☒ Additional Claim Fees of \$528.00.
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time (37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)) to file missing parts (in duplicate).
- ☒ Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (in duplicate).
- ☒ Form PTO 1449.
- ☒ Copies of 50 cited references.
- ☒ Return receipt postcard.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

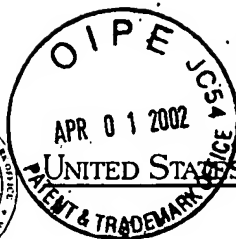
Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 25, 2002



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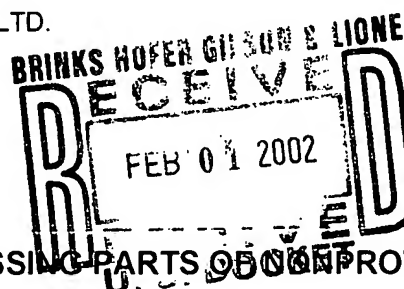
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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF PROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).*
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$528.
  - \$360 for 20 total claims over 20.
  - \$168 for 2 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1398.

*A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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